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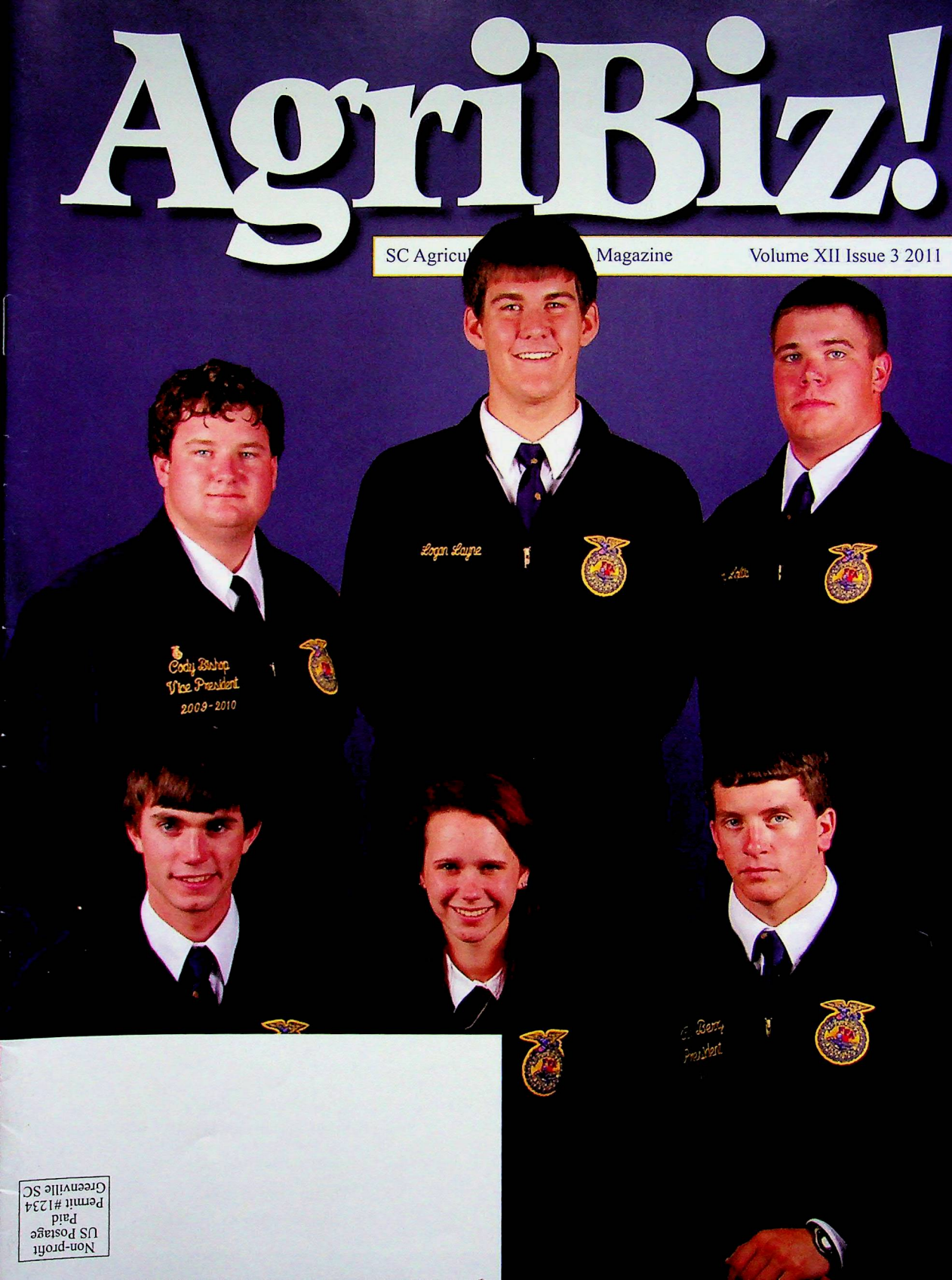

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FALL/WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5	Lower State Tractor Driving CDE
October 8	FFA / 4H Ag Tailgate at Clemson University
October 12-23	SC State Fair
October 13	FFA Day at the SC State Fair
October 19-22	National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN
October 25	Mid-State Soils CDE
October 27	Piedmont Soils CDE
November 3	Pee Dee Soils CDE
November 8	Lower State Soils CDE
November 19	State Soils CDE
November 15-18	NAAE National Convention
November 18-24	National Farm City Week
December 3	Equine CDE
December 7-10	National Young Farmer Education Association Institute
December 13	FFA Board Meeting
January 20-21	SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Assoc. State Conv

State Officers Elected

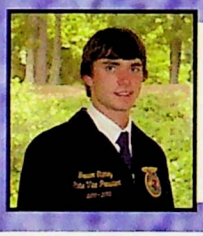
Six members of the South Carolina FFA Association were selected at the State FFA Convention to lead the organization. Here's a little bit more about this year's team.

Perry Loftis, of the Crescent FFA Chapter, was elected to serve as the State FFA President. The son of Julie and Shea Loftis is a rising freshman at Clemson University majoring in Wildlife and Fishery Science. He plans to attend medical school to become and anesthesiologist. When not in class, Perry spends his time working as a firefighter and playing his guitar and mandolin.

Cody Bishop, of the Edisto FFA Chapter, serves as the State FFA Secretary. The son of Donna and Conrad Bishop is currently enrolled in the Bridge Program with TriCounty Technical College and Clemson University. He hopes to become an agriculture educator or extension agent. The most valuable lesson he learned in life comes from his FFA advisor. He says, "to keep going to matter what happens." Cody's advisor is Barry Hawkins.

Curt Berry, of the Saluda FFA Chapter serves as State Vice President. He is the son of Luke Berry and Teresa Porter. He is a rising freshman at Clemson University majoring in pre-veterinary medicine with hopes of attending veterinary school at the University of Georgia. In his spare time, Curt enjoys hanging out with his friends. Curt's advisor is Amanda Nichols.

Nikki Hayden, of the Lakewood FFA Chapter serves as State Vice President. She is the daughter of Donna and Steve Hayden. This rising senior enjoys listening to all types of music and hanging out with her friends. She hopes to attend Clemson University after graduation. Her advisor is Jillian Lash.



Trevor Stamey serves as State Vice President. The son of Faithe and Time Stamey believes that with influence, we can achieve great things. He is a member of the Anderson FFA Chapter. A freshman at Spartanburg Technical College, Trevor is studying horticulture with plans to attend Clemson. In his spare time, he enjoys riding horses and listening to country music. His advisors are Ashley Granata and Jay Copelan.

Logan Layne, a senior at Manning High School, serves as State Vice President. His parents are Aaron and Scarlett Layne. Outside of the FFA, you will find Logan on the basketball court or working at the Piggly Wiggly. He hopes to attend Clemson University majoring in Agricultural Education. His advisor is Michael Haynes.

President's Message

I hope you are as excited as the State Officer Team is about this year for the South Carolina FFA. This year's team has been very busy attending BLAST-OFF, NLCSO, SPC and Leadership Camp, just to name a few. We are very eager to begin traveling the great state of South Carolina for chapter visits and eventually the National FFA Convention. Just as this year's National FFA Convention them is, "I Believe", we as a team truly believe in the impact that FFA members have in the lives of others. I believe, as well as the team, that with your help we can reach a 30 year high of over 6000 members. Help us believe in achieving this and working towards making history for the SC FFA. If there is anything I or any of the other state officers can help you with, please let us know.

Perry Loftis
2011-12 SC FFA President

84th State FFA Convention A Great Success

Over 650 FFA members and guest gathered at Clemson University, June 8-10, 2011. Once again the Brooks Center was filled with the Blue and Gold Corduroy.

Wednesday, Dean Thomas R. Scott, - College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences honored us with an official welcome to Clemson University. The 75th anniversary of the founding of the New Farmers of America (NFA) was celebrated. Ten former members and advisors attended and were recognized for their contribution to Agriculture Education. Special thanks to Dr. Curtis White for arranging this celebration. We ended the night being inspired by Jerry Ackerman motivational speaker. Thursday morning eight State CDE events were conducted while many members attended a workshop presented by Riley Pagett the National FFA President. In the afternoon, over 140 members received their State FFA Degree. Thursday evening eight members where recognized as candidates for the American FFA Degree and we presented the Honorary FFA Degree to several adults that help make the SC FFA successful. After we recognized our top students with the FFA Stars over South Carolina presentation, the members ended the night with fun and games at the Union.

Friday morning thirty chapters received awards for having 75% -100+% membership. Twenty-one members we honored as State Proficiency Award winners. Finally the transfer of duties occurred as six new state officers were elected to serve our association.

We would like to thank the 2010-11 State FFA Officer team for a job well done.

SC FFA State Stars

Three outstanding FFA Members received the title of State Stars at the 84th State FFA Convention. The Star Award is the highest award given to FFA members base on their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE). The three areas recognized are Star Farmer, sponsored by SC Cooperative Council, Star in Agribusiness, sponsored by Southern States Cooperative and the SC FFA Foundation, and Star in Agriculture Placement, sponsored by the SC FFA Foundation.

Star Farmer

Marie Stiles, Executive Director SC Cooperative Council; Andrew Fanning, Star Farmer

Barry Hawkins, FFA Advisor; Traci Fanning, Mother; Andrew Fanning, Star Farmer from the Edisto Chapter; Jay Fanning, Father

Star In AgriBusiness

Jay Copelan, FFA Advisor; Phil Anderson, Father; Will Anderson, Star in Agribusiness from the Anderson Chapter; Katherine Anderson, Mother; Ashley Granata, FFA Advisor

Star In Agriculture Placement

Pat Earle, FFA Advisor; Alicia Hawksworth, Star in Agriculture Placement from the McBee Chapter; David Hawksworth, Father; Jill Hawkswoth, Mother

State FFA

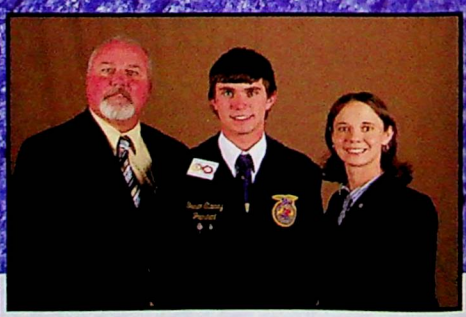
Extemporaneous Speaking Pendleton FFA Chapter

Zachary MacDougal, State Extemporaneous Speaking Champion; Blake Berry, FFA Advisor. This CDE is sponsored by Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College (ABAC).

Parliamentary Procedure Manning FFA Chapter

Front Row: Jazz Geter, Adrianna Chapman, Tiffany Chick. Back Row: John Tricoche, Kayla Therell, Trey Gardner

Job Interview Anderson FFA Chapter



Jay Copeland, FFA Advisor; Trever Stamey, State Job Interview Champion; Ashley Granata, FFA Advisor

Career Development Champions

Creed Speaking
McBee FFA Chapter

Pat Earle, FFA Advisor; Shelby Wayne, State Creed Speaking Champion. This CDE is sponsored by SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association.

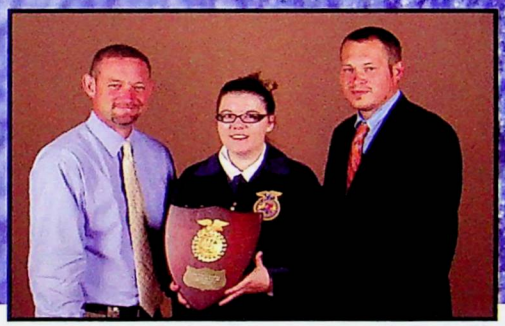
Public Speaking
Crestwood FFA Chapter

Stephen Reaves, State Prepared Public Speaking Champion; Jason Gore, FFA Advisor.

Farm Business Management
Latta FFA Chapter

Front Row: Cody Gasque, Hunter Holland, Smith Gaddy. Back Row: Aaron Miles – FFA Advisor, Corey Jackson

Upper Creed
Pendleton FFA Chapter



Josh Murdock, FFA Advisor; Brandi Partain, State Upper Creed Champion; Blake Berry, FFA Advisor

Greenhand Knowledge
Manning FFA Chapter

Isaiah Brayboy, Christal Billups, Nikki Harrison, Regina James, Mical Lewis

Agricultural Mechanics
York FFA Chapter

Frank Sandifer, Advisor, Team Members: Joey Sims, Zac Sharp, Everett Holcomb, Justin Mendenhall and FFA State Vice President Courtney Threatt

Poultry Judging
Pendleton FFA Chapter

Blake Berry, Advisor, Team Members: Savannah Vickery, Brandi Partain, Josh Yeargin, Nathan Slaton and team alternate, Austin Rose

FFA Chapters Recognized As Gold

The National Chapter Award program recognizes FFA chapters that successfully complete an annual Program of Activities that includes a series of activities designed to encourage its members to grow as individuals, to work as part of a team, and to serve others.

Nine chapters were honored for receiving a Gold rating. Three chapters were awarded the Governor's Citation for exceptional activities in the areas of Student, Chapter, and Community development.

The Citations were awarded to the Midland Valley Chapter in the area of Student Development, the Manning Chapter in the area of Chapter Development and the McBee Chapter in the area of Community Development.

Larry Rogers with the USDA Farm Service Agency and Wesley Harris Executive Director of the SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation presented the chapters with a check for $1000 on behalf of SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation.

The Gold chapters honored are Aiken High School, Anderson, Barnwell Co. Career Center, Belton Honea Path, Crescent High School and Nation Ford. The SC FFA Foundation presented each of the Gold Chapters with funds to attend the National FFA Convention.

Manning FFA

Wesley Harris, SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Courtney Parsons, Manning FFA President, Michael Haynes, Advisor and Larry Rogers, USDA-FSA.

McBee FFA

Wesley Harris, SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Pat Earle, McBee FFA Advisor, Alicia Hawksworth and Larry Rogers, USDA-FSA.

Midland Valley FFA

Wesley Harris, SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Kayla Morris, Development Coordinator for Midland Valley FFA, Jeremy Brooks, Advisor and Larry Rogers, USDA-FSA.

South Carolina Celebrates 75th Anniversary of the New Farmers of America (NFA)

The SC FFA Association celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the NFA, New Farmers of America, at its 84 State Convention held at Clemson University. As many of you know, the NFA and the FFA merged in 1965 to better serve the membership. Since that time, very little of what the NFA was or meant to young men has been taught or seen in any of the FFA publications. In recent years, SC has made an effort to remember the NFA by teaching all students about the rich history of the FFA. In the early 1900's, many of us know that segregation was alive and well in the states. Because of segregation, young men of different races studying vocational agriculture could not be educated together. Therefore, the NFA and the FFA were two organizations that taught students about agriculture and promoted leadership and citizenship. In 1965, the two organizations merged and became one.

Prior to the merger, the NFA instilled in its members the importance of developing their vocational, social and recreational life. Some of the Aims and Purposes of the NFA were: To develop competent, aggressive, agricultural, and rural leadership; To encourage intelligent choice of farming occupations; To encourage members in the development of individual farming program; To encourage members to improve the home, the farm, and surroundings and; To create and nurture a love of country life. Membership in the NFA was (1) Active, (2) Associate, (3) Collegiate, and (4 Honorary. Members were able to earn the (1) Farm Hand, (2) Improved Farmer, (3) Modern Farmer, and the (4) Superior Farmer degrees.

The NFA placed member states into one of the following three sections:

- The Booker T. Washington Section – Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia
- The H.O. Sargent Section – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee
- The Almmot Section – Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

At the 84th State Convention in 2011, SC was fortunate to have 10 of the individuals that were a part of the NFA either as students, teachers and/or advisors. These individuals and many others are responsible for shaping the lives of many young men that completed their programs from 1928 – 1965. We are and forever will be indebted to them for their dedication to teaching and guiding us through the years. If you are interested in learning more about the NFA, please contact Dr. Curtis D. White, Sr. at 864-656-5677, or cdwhite@clemson.edu.

L to R: Boston Johnson II, James Ulmer, Norman Brown, Dreyfus Williams, Floyd Brockington, Reggie Green, Cleveland Jackson, Gilmore McManus, Willie Pearson, James Sweeney

Dr. Alvin Larke, Jr., Professor at Texas A&M University shown here w/his NFA jacket. Dr. Larke served as an NFA secretary.

FFA Summer Camp: Life-Long Memories

Article provided by Carl Kotz, FFA Camp Program Director.

After our first summer at camp, Jamie and I have come to remember that some of the most valuable experiences offered are the things that we don't offer. No Wi-Fi, no grades; the world as it was, or maybe as it was just a few short years ago.

It is a way for campers to travel through time, and leave their worries behind. Time dissolves in summer: days are long, weekends longer. Hours get blurred when you get lost in a book, climb a tree, or relax in the sun. Senses are sharper – something about the moist air, sunshine, and fruit in season – and so memories are created. During summer camp I am more likely to eat sloppy food, go barefoot, listen to 80's music, nap, and act like a kid. These days of yore are filled with questions whose answers we now know, and summer is when we get to review the exam and make corrections.

As the camps were in session, we watched the kids, in wonder and envy at what may lay ahead, and remember that anyone can ask the same questions about what is yet to come: What do we want to learn? Who shall we be as we grow up? Just remember as you travel back to the world of today, make the most of what is ahead and that it is never too late to change direction and become the person that you want to be.

Camp is a place that you'll talk about all year long, and you'll remember all life long.

Holliday Joins Ag Ed Staff

Regina Holliday has been named as Program Assistant for the South Carolina FFA Association. Regina is a Cum Laude graduate from the University of Georgia where she majored in Animal Science. She has experience working with the Georgia FFA Foundation and worked with the North Region FFA Office in Georgia where she gained valuable experience with conducting FFA events, including CDE's.

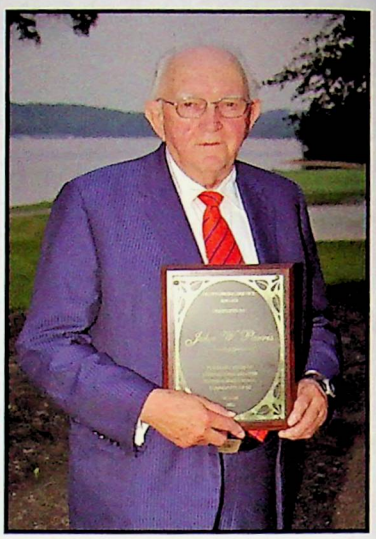
Regina is a past National FFA Officer from the state of Georgia. As a National FFA Officer, she traveled the US conducting leadership activities. She also participated in trips abroad with the "Japanese Agricultural Experience" and the "Costa Rica Agricultural Experience".

As Program Assistant with the FFA, Regina will assist with FFA activities to include Career Development Events and leadership programs. She will also work with the state officers and coordinate the FFA Awards Program.

Regina is originally from Dublin, Georgia.

John W. Parris Presented Distinguished Service Award

(Contributed by Pat Black, Agriculture Teacher, Branchville High School)



John W. Parris was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators at their 2011 Summer Teachers Conference held at Clemson University.

Mr. Parris, now in his 54th year of service to agriculture and natural resources conservation, was a 1958 graduate of Clemson University with a degree in Agricultural Education. After graduating from Clemson, Mr. Parris served as Agricultural Teacher for eight years where he taught in both Anderson and Chester County. Following his time in the classroom, Mr. Parris served as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Land Resources Commission until his retirement from that agency in 1994.

In January of 1996, Mr. Parris was employed as the state executive secretary to the SC FFA Association and served in that position until 1997 when he was named state director of public affairs for Agricultural Education and the FFA where he served until January 2011.

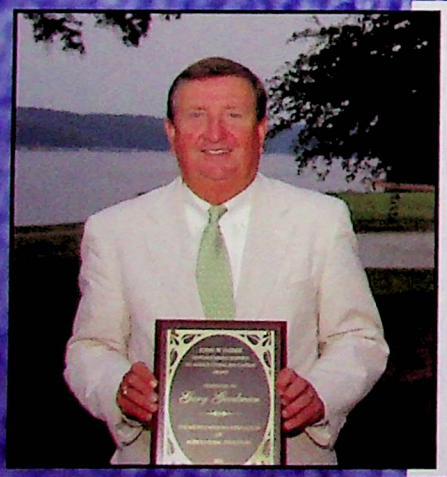
During his service with Agricultural Education and the FFA, Mr. Parris became the *Voice of Agricultural Education* throughout the state.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Parris edited and produced the ***AgriBiz*** magazine, which has become recognized throughout the nation as a premier publication promoting Agricultural Education in South Carolina.

Among other major contributions to the successful promotion of the FFA and Agricultural Education was his establishment of the SC FFA-sponsored State Legislators Appreciation Day at the State Capital, FFA Day during the South Carolina State Fair, the SC FFA Recognition Luncheon at the State Fair during National FFA Week, FFA Day at Clemson in conjunction with Ag Tailgate during a home football game, arranging for Lexington FFA members to provide poinsettias to decorate the Governor's Mansion at Christmas time. He also coordinated the annual Presentation of Flowers Ceremony at the State Capitol which was a joint project of the SC Agricultural Education Association and the SC FFA Organization.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mr. Parris on behalf of the South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators in recognition of the great debt of gratitude to Mr. Parris for his visionary promotional efforts on behalf of agricultural education and for his inspiration to the thousands of FFA members to strive for excellence in their quest for a quality education and a future career in agribusiness.

Goodman Receives John W. Parris Award



The South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators presented Gary L. Goodman, General Manager of the South Carolina State Fair with the John W. Parris Award at their State Conference held at Clemson University over the summer.

The John W. Parris Award is the highest award presented by the Association and is presented to individuals for their active support for Agricultural Education in South Carolina.

Goodman has been General Manager of the South Carolina State Fair since 1984. His responsibilities with the Fair include planning and management of the annual Fair, which averages approximately 500,000 guests as well as managing and marketing all fair facilities and staff.

Goodman has been an ardent supporter of FFA activities over the years where he has hosted "FFA Day" at the state fair and has arranged for FFA members to receive free admission. He has also worked to present thousands of dollars worth of scholarships from the State Fair to many FFA members. In addition, Mr. Goodman has worked with the FFA to provide facilities at the fair for FFA events throughout the years.

Ag Teachers Hold Summer Conference

The South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators held their annual Summer Conference on July 18 – 20 at Clemson University. Approximately 100 Agricultural Teachers from around the state attended the event.

The theme of this year's event was "Meeting Program Requirements". The conference began with a general session where Dr. Tom Scott, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences welcomed the group to Clemson University. In addition, the teachers were provided information on trends and initiatives in Agricultural Education by the Clemson staff and faculty.

The teachers also participated in workshops conducted by experts in various areas that ranged from FFA Career Development Events to meeting local education requirements.

As usual, the highlight of the conference was the annual Awards Banquet conducted by the SCAAE where teachers were recognized for their successes throughout the year and a new Executive Committee was installed.

A lunch was also provided by the Clemson Collegiate FFA Chapter and was sponsored by CEV Multimedia and Ball Seed Company.

Barry Hawkins Honored at SCAAE Conference

Mr. Barry Hawkins, recently retired agriculture educator from Edisto High School, was honored at the SCAAE Conference. This honor came as a result of his dedication of serving as Executive Treasurer/ Secretary of the SCAAE for the past 12 years.

Mr. Hawkins became an agricultural educator by choice and not by chance 28 years ago. He taught Agriculture in two schools, Calhoun Falls and Edisto.

He believes in American agriculture and has dedicated his life to its development and the advancement of its people. Mr. Hawkins not only has served hundreds of high school students, he has served two Young Farmer chapters until his retirement.

Mr. Hawkins has always set before his students, by his deeds and actions, the highest standards of citizenship for the community, state and nation. He has always cared for all students.

The dedication that he had to the FFA, the Young Farmers, and to the SCAAE is a shinning example for all to follow.

Information contributed by Allen Williams

SCAAE Award Winners

Each year the South Carolina Association of Agriculture Educators recognizes its top educators and programs through the NAAE Award Recognition Program. The Awards are presented at the SCAAE Annual Awards Banquet, which was held at Clemson University in July. The 2011 SCAAE Award Winners include: The Outstanding Young Member Award received by Meghan Wood, Agriculture Educator at Aiken High School; The Outstanding Teacher Award received by Lee Mayfield, Agriculture Educator at Green Sea Floyds High School; The Outstanding Program Award received by Michael Haynes, Agriculture Educator at Manning High School; and the Teacher Turn The Key Award received by Darla Steele, Agriculture Educator at The Strom Thurmond Career Center. Mrs. Meghan Wood is also being recognized as the Outstanding Young Member for Region V of the National Association of Agriculture Educators.

SCAAE & NAAE Region V Outstanding Young Member, Meghan Wood

SCAAE Outstanding Teacher Award Winner, Lee Mayfield

SCAAE Teacher Turn the Key Award Winner, Darla Steele

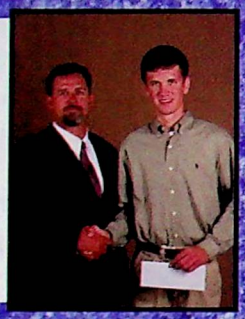
SC Young Farmer & Agribusiness Association Scholarship

The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association offers assistance, through scholarships, to students who have chosen to attend a college or technical school in order to prepare for a career in Agriculture.

Each year, a designated number of scholarships will be reserved for those students who are currently attending or are accepted to Clemson University. Scholarships will also be available to those students who are currently attending or are accepted to a technical college or other college or university that offers a study in an agriculturally related field.

This years scholarships were awarded to the following: Curt Berry, Alex Coleman, Holly Benenhaley, Troy Dobbins, Paige Burdette, Cameron Durham and Ashlyn Fail.

Jeremy Holtzclaw, SCYFAA President, Curt Berry & Alex Coleman from the Saluda Chapter



Jeremy Holtzclaw, SCYFAA President, Cameron Durham of the Piedmont Tech. Chapter.

Holly Benenhaley from the Lakewood Chapter in Sumter County.

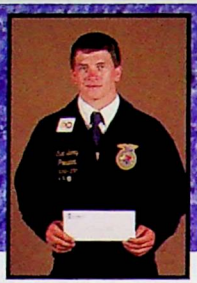
Jeremy Holtzclaw, SCYFAA President, Ashlyn Fail, Chapter Vice President and Mindy Sandifer, Advisor, of the Barnwell Chapter.

Jeremy Holtzclaw, SCYFAA President, Paige Burdette of the Woodmont Chapter.

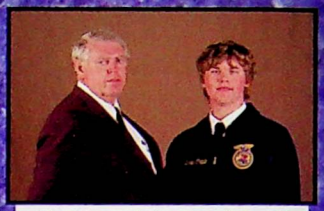
Troy Dobbins of the Pendleton Chapter

National FFA Scholarship

Each year the National FFA Organization awards approximately $2 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of our applicants. This year SC FFA members were awarded four of these scholarships totaling $4500.



Curtis Berry of the Saluda Chapter awarded the RAM Trucks Scholarship



Al Gray, advisor, and Justin McInville of the Darlington CIT Chapter. Justin was awarded the Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship

Not pictured are Brett Martin of the Aynor Chapter, who was awarded the Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarship, and Allen Frantz of Laurens, who was awarded the Fastline Publications scholarship.

SC Fertilizer & Agri-Chemicals Association Scholarship

The SC Fertilizer and Agri-Chemicals Association annually presents Scholarships in honor of three distinguished gentleman. They are Hilton V. Rogers, A. B. Everett and Gilbeart H. Collins Scholarships. Mr. Mike Watkins, Executive Director of the S.C. Fertilizer and Agri-Chemicals Association, presented the scholarships at the convention.

John Chapman of the Darlington CIT chapter, recipient of the Gilbeart H. Collins Scholarship, Mike Watkins, Executive Director of the S.C. Fertilizer and Agri-Chemicals Association, Reta Miller from the Gilbert chapter, recipient of the A. B. Everett Scholarship, and Curt Berry member of the Saluda chapter, recipient of the Hilton V. Rogers Scholarship.

Union Hosts SC Young Farmer-Agribusiness Tour

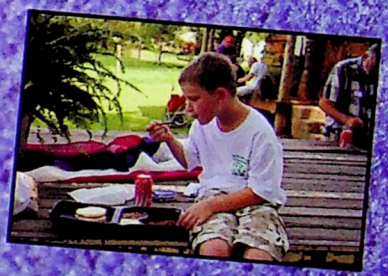
The Union County Young Farmer and Agribusiness Chapter hosted the annual summer tour for members and guests of the SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association on July 22-23, 2011.

Cleveland Jackson, Agricultural Education Instructor at Union High School, coordinated the event with the assistance of Tyler Crocker and the Union County Young Farmers.

Friday Tour stops included United Wood Treating Co., Rose Hill Plantation, International Paper Wood Chipping Mill, and Crocker Turkey Farms. Friday's Tour concluded with an outstanding supper at Union County High School and Entertainment provided by the Hickory Ridge Band.

Saturday stops included Tyger River Ranch, Cross Keys House, and Fowken Farms. The tour ended with a BBQ brisket lunch at Fowken Farms.

Tour participants also had the opportunity to tour the School Agriculture Lab and the Community Garden at Foster Street.



South Carolina Young Farmer & Agribusiness Association Annual State Convention

Dates: January 20-21, 2012
Location: Columbia, SC
Site: The Marriott

For Registration Information Visit Our Website At:
www.scaged.org/scyf/index.html

(Be Sure To Register By December 30, 2011)

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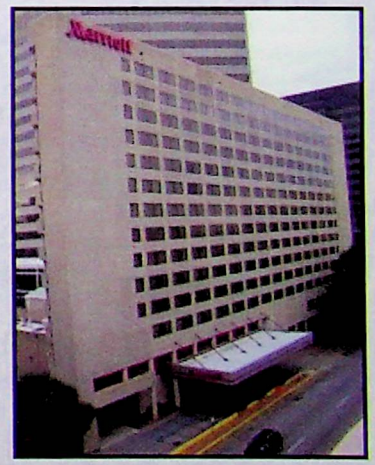

Loris FFA Soils Team Competes at National Contest

Loris High School's FFA soil judging team joined more than 700 other FFA and 4-H members competing in the 60th annual National Land and Range Judging Contest, held May 3-5 in Oklahoma and placed 22nd as a team. LHS's Korbin Causey placing eighth nationally in the individual category.

Causey scored a 244, just three points shy of taking overall first place as the winner's score was a 246.

The eventual ties for the first-place spot referred back to overall team scores as a tie-breaker in the event to name the overall winner.

For Loris FFA advisor and agricultural teacher Nate Bellamy, this was his third trip to the national level with his Loris High team.

Scott's Branch FFA Digs Into The Toolbox

Thanks to a grant from the Lowes Toolbox for Education the Scott's Branch FFA and Agriculture program will be expanding their gardening operations! The $3,500 grant for the "Growing Summerton" project is to build and furnish a high tunnel and was awarded to Mr. Ben Gibson, Scott's Branch's Agriculture instructor and FFA Advisor and the Scott's Branch FFA. The grant paid for supplies to build a high tunnel with raised gardens to allow growing of vegetable crops earlier in the spring and later in the winter. The High Tunnel is simply a non-powered greenhouse that uses the greenhouse effect to supply heat for growing plants longer than the typical growing season. The Scott's Branch FFA would like to thank the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) as well as the Lowe's of Sumter for their help in providing years of agriculture education for Summerton public schools.

Seen here is Mr. Ben Gibson, being congratulated by Donnie Gorham, Lowe's of Sumter's Assistant Store Manager of Paint.

Fort Mill FFA Educates Students In Harvesting

FFA members from Fort Mill High School were able to show students how S.C. crops are harvested, by letting them climb into the Farm Bureau Ag Simulator during their Spring Fling, May 25th.

Different FFA members took turns showing students how to operate the Ag. simulator. Many students took advantage and learned about harvesting cotton, soybeans, and corn.

Farm Day at Woodmont High

Farm day is a day when the Woodmont Ag Program gets to teach around sixteen hundred elementary school kids about farm animals. The kids get to hear specifically about poultry, dairy goats, and dairy cattle. Each group of kids gets to ride on the hay ride and check out the cool fire truck! The Farm Bureau also helps by passing out ice cream, stickers, and coloring books. The kids get to have a very educational day but are having fun at the same time. The students at Woodmont love seeing the happy smiles on the little kid's faces when they arrive at Farm Day. Woodmont puts on farm day every November.

Earle Receives CATE Award

Pat Earle, advisor at McBee High School was presented the Barbara H. James Award for teachers. The Office of Career and Technology Education (CATE) presented the award at their annual Business and Education Summit. The award is presented to a teacher that in addition to managing a classroom, making curriculum decisions and providing advisement to students, the teacher must provide the students with the content and research skills to enable them to develop their academic and employability skills and pursue their interests.

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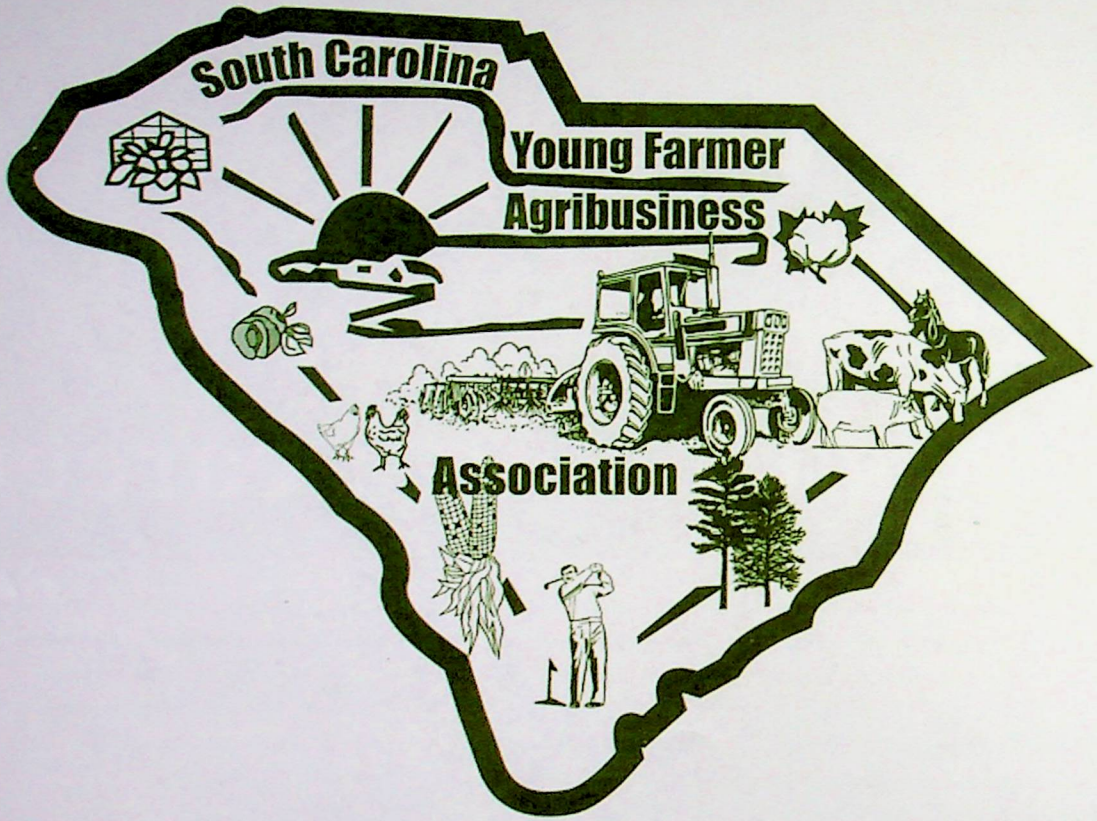

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